

## Lewis Kamb

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**From:** Paul S <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 11:10 AM  
**To:** Lewis Kamb  
**Subject:** Re: Seeking comment regarding WSBA issues

Hello Mr. Kamb,

Beyond what I tell you below, please address your questions to the official media personnel at the WSBA. Please note also that I am not speaking for the WSBA.

It sounds as though you are aware that a statement I made in an email was misconstrued. That apparent misinterpretation came as a complete surprise to me and I promptly sent an email apologizing and clarifying my actual intent.

In case you do not have that email, I have included it below my name.

Regarding your statement that one of my colleagues on the WSBA Board of Governors is seeking my removal, governor Athan Papailiou has made numerous attempts to remove many us from the Board of Governors, so this is nothing new. Governor Papailio is also currently trying to remove three other governors for whom I have the utmost respect. As always, we will recuse ourselves and the others on the BOG will look carefully at all of the facts before making their decision. I am completely confident that nobody will be removed due to Governor Papailiou's seemingly endless, baseless attacks.

Sincerely,

Paul Swegle

Hello Members of FLEC, Mr. and Ms. Beauregard, and others,

I have received much thoughtful feedback concerning this statement from a recent email:

*Shenanigans directed toward overturning the Board's proper decision and processes terminating the prior Executive Director continue like the screeching antics of so many flying monkeys. Most recently these include (i) a failing petition to reimpose the former ED on the WSBA and (ii) a baseless lawsuit, Lincoln Beauregard v. WSBA, filed by Steven Fogg of the Corr Cronin law firm...*

I made that statement with absolutely no intent of racial overtones whatsoever, and no expectation that any such overtones might even be perceived. It was intended only as a reference to the most chaotic scenes in the Wizard of Oz and to call out chaotic and baseless attacks by numerous persons, nothing more.

I now understand that some viewed those words otherwise and were hurt, or otherwise took offense. The feedback I have received has convinced me that those feelings were quite genuine.

For those whom my words hurt or offended, I offer to all of you my most sincere apologies. I intended no such hurt or offense. I promise to choose my words more carefully in the future, so as to not cause unintended hurt or offense.

I have always been a very accepting, tolerant and inclusive person and have never before been accused of a single racist act or statement. I will certainly use this as a learning opportunity to be more sensitive to the feelings of others.

Thank you to those who have provided your feedback to me.

Sincerely,

Paul Swegle

On Thu, Apr 11, 2019 at 9:57 AM Lewis Kamb <[lkamb@seattletimes.com](mailto:lkamb@seattletimes.com)> wrote:

Hi Mr. Swegle,

I understand that one of your colleagues on the WSBA BOG is seeking your removal from the board. I also understand that you've sent out an apology email into regards to comments that Mr. Beauregard has attributed to you regarding his litigation against the bar.

I would like to speak with you when you're available today.

Please give me a call.

Thanks,

Lewis Kamb

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